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RE: Vermont Health Information Technology Fund Collection Process

Dear Provider,

As part of Vermont's Health Care Reform initiative the Vermont legislature passed Act 192 in May of 2008. Among the many aspects of this bill was the creation of a fund to accelerate the advancement of Health Information Technology in the state. This fund will be collected from companies that provide Health Insurance coverage in the state of Vermont, please read the enclosed Q&A for specifics of the program. The fee will be assessed as "0.199 of one percent of all health care claims paid by the health insurer", the statute and Q&A discuss two options for calculating the fee.

The Department of Information and Innovation has been tasked with administering the collection and distribution of the funds. The long term intent of the Health Information Technology Fund is to reduce the growth in healthcare costs and to improve care. The fund will primarily be used by the Vermont Information technology Leaders (VITL) in their efforts to deploy a statewide health information exchange and to increase the number of practices with electronic medical records systems.

Since your organization provides these services you will need to begin remitting your contribution to the fund beginning in July of 2008. The enclosed information package details the fee calculation and the process for billing. More detailed information on the payment process, including required forms will be sent out next month. We have established an email account to respond to questions: DII.HITFund@state.vt.us. If you would like to receive information electronically please send an email to the above address.

We appreciate your support in administering this fund.

Sincerely,

Thomas Murray
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